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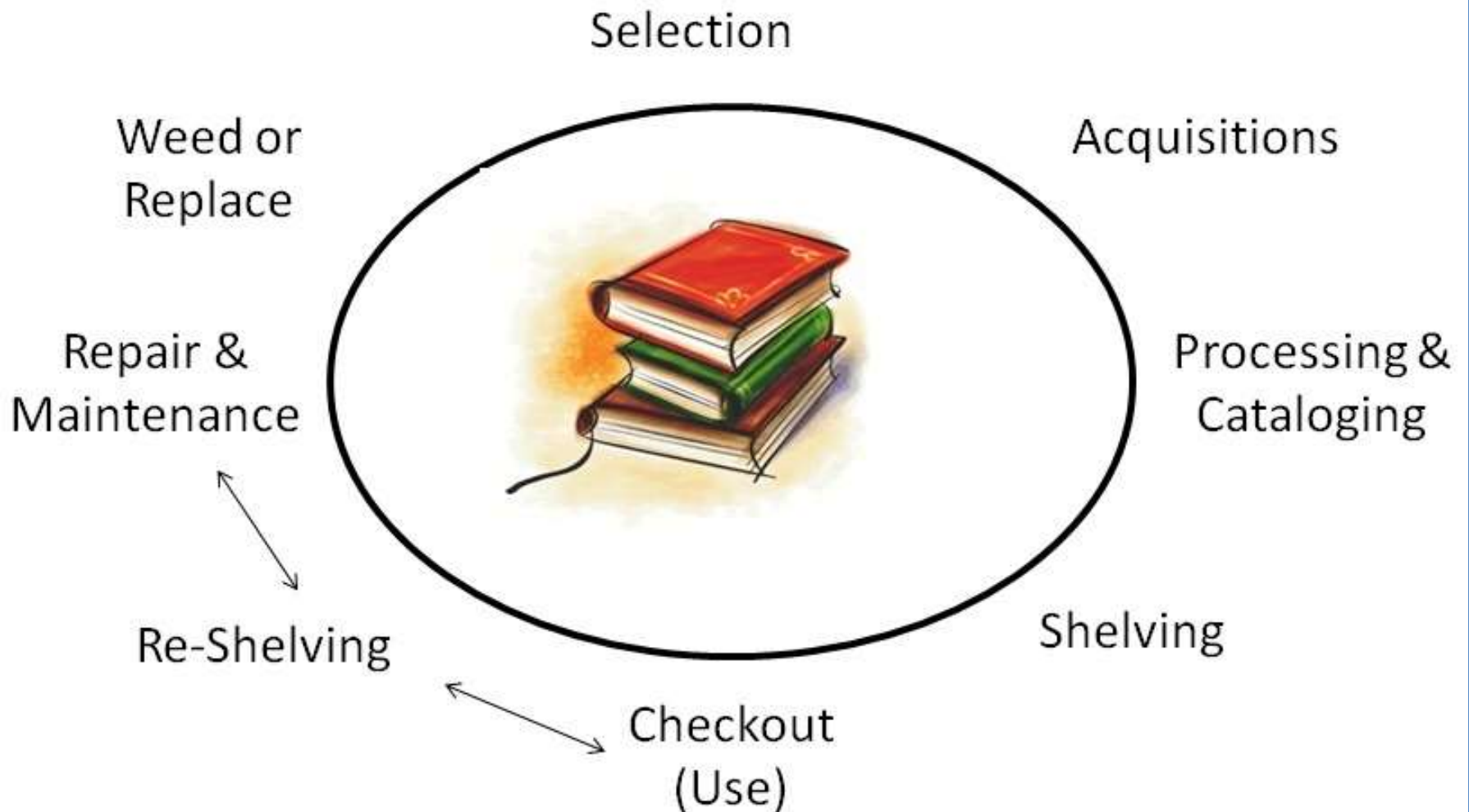
Awful Library Books

Hoarding is not collection development



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Collection Life Cycle



Who Selects?



All for One and One for All!



Make It Official





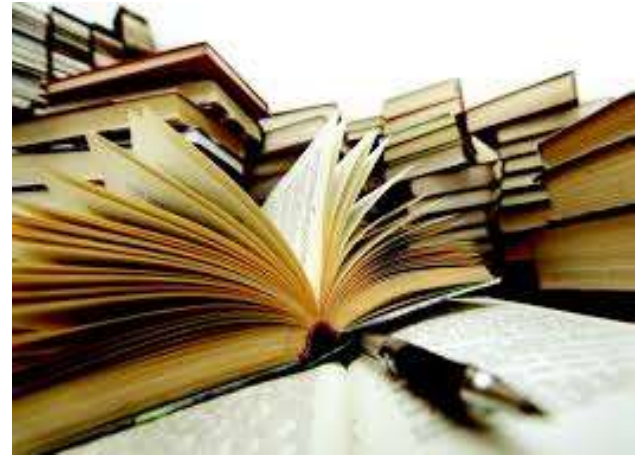
Know Your Community



What's Your *Thing*?

What to Buy

- Format
- E-books vs. Print
- Standing orders
- Holds to copies report
- Patron requests/suggestions for purchase



Review Sources

- Freely Available
 - Amazon.com
 - EarlyWord.com
 - GoodReads.com, LibraryThing.com, Shelfari.com
 - Library Journal PrePub Alert Online
www.libraryjournal.com
 - Publishers Weekly Online
www.publishersweekly.com
 - NYTimes Book Page Online
www.nytimes.com/pages/books/index.html


Review Sources

- Pay to Play
 - Library Journal
 - Publishers Weekly
 - Kirkus Reviews
 - Booklist
 - VOYA
 - School Library Journal
 - Audio File



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AND
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NONFICTION


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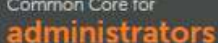



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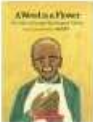
 Literature by Grade >

 For Teachers >


☒ All ☐ K-1 ☐ 2-3 ☐ 4-5 ☐ 6-8 ☐ 9-10 ☐ 11-12

GRADES K-1


True Stories from America




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Current Events

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- Early Word
- Book Riot
- Smart B!tches, Trashy Books
- Pop Culture Nerd
- Books I Done Read
- Huffington Post Books
- Bookalicious Babe
- Stacked
- Monkey See
- SF Signal
- LabLit
- Book Slut
- Nancy Pearl



Some GREAT fiction *Twitter* Feeds:

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@SciFi

@NewYorker

@nationalbook

@longreads

@flavorwire

@electriclit

@center4fiction

@galleycat

@huffpostbooks



Some GREAT *TV Shows* that Feature Books

- Good Morning America
- Today Show
- Book TV
- BBC: Talking
- Books
- PBS: Connie Martinson Talks Books



Some GREAT *Magazines* that Review Fiction

- Entertainment Weekly
- People
- Book Page
- B&T Forecast
- Foreword Reviews
- NYT Book Review
- New Yorker
- ...and national newspapers, too!

Fore*Word* Reviews
great books independent voices



Databases that Highlight New Fiction and Genres

- **GoodReads** – genre lists, new authors, all ages
- **NoveList** – for all ages
- **Books & Authors** – “spotlight,” new arrivals, award winners, genre lists, seasonal picks
- **eSequels** (series) – super cheap at \$35 per library!



Books & Authors

Where to Buy: Vendor Day



Replacements

- When to replace title for title
- When to replace subject with a new title
- When to let it go completely



When to Buy

- Regularly
- Get on a monthly schedule



Collection *Budget*

- Line items
- Departments
- Purchase order system
- What level of reporting is available?
- Who pays the bills?
- Credit card use



What if I make a *mistake*?





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